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SUBJECT: AUGMENTATION OF MSG PERSONNEL, REQUEST FOR

REF A. CONF HONG KONG 13988

B. CONF SAIGON 15693

1. CURRENT GUARD ORDERS/MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR MSG DET, SAIGON,
CALLS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS AND COVERAGE:

SOG 24 HRS DAILY
DRAGON (SY RADIO/ALARMS) 24 HRS DAILY
POSTS 1 AND 2 (EMBASSY INTERIOR) 24 HRS DAILY (EACH)
POST 3 (WEEKEND CHAR ESCORT, CONSULAR BLDG., NORODOM
COMPOUND, CHANCERY ROOF) 24 HRS DAILY
POST 4 (EMBASSY VEHICLE GATE) 12 HRS DAILY
POST 5 (DAO) 12 HRS DAILY
POST 6 (AMB'S RESIDENCE) 24 HRS DAILY
POST 7 (AMB'S COMM WATCH) 24 HRS DAILY
POST 8 (USAID I) 24 HRS DAILY
POST 9 (USAID II) 18.5 HRS EACH WORKDAY;
 24 HRS WEEKENDS AND
 HOLIDAYS.
CHAR ESCORT 7 HRS EA WORKDAY
USIS SHAKEDOWN 1 HR DAILY
TOTAL WEEKLY GUARD HOURS: 1526

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1/9 FACTOR: 170

TOTAL: 1696

ASSUMING MSGS SCHEULED FOR 40 HOUR PER WEEK ON POST, WE REQUIRE 42 WATCHSTANDERS.

2. CURRENT ON BOARD STRENTTH OF MSGS IS 38 AS FOLLOWS:

NCOIC -1
ANCOIA -1
STAFF NCO -1
MESS SGTS -2

WATCHSTANDERS -33

OF THE ABOVE 33 WATCHSTANDERS, TWO ARE CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED AT CLARK AND A THIRD WILL HAVE TO BE MEDICALLY RELIEVED FROM THE PROGRAM.

3. FURTHERMORE, ON DATES DESIGNATED TO STAND DUTY, ONCOMING MSGS MUST BE IN THE MARINE HOUSE 6 HOURS PRIOR TO ASSUMING DUTY; THEREBY ESTABLISHING A REQUIRED RE-ACTION FORCE, GIVEN THE CURRENTLY MILITARY SITUATION. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN POSTS MANNED AND, AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, NONE CAN BE CONTEMPLATED AT PRESENT.

4. THE 42 WATCHSTANDERS REQUIRED PLUS STAFF NCOS LISTED ABOVE, AND THE 8 PPSU DETACHMENT IS ESSENTIALLY THE NUMBER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT AGREED TO WHEN WE REDUCED THE MARINES IN SAIGON. CURRENT GUARD ORDERS/MONTHLY SCHEDULE DATED 11 NOV 74 FORWARDED TO HONG KONG FOR REVIEW.

5. WE HAVE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL 24-HOUR POST AT THE VERY BUSY CHANCERY ANNEX PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR GATE SINCE THIS AREA IS CONTIGUOUS TO AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. WE ARE PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SAIGON TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING OUR NEEDS. WE BELIEVE SITUATION IS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO DICTATE FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO OUR REFERENCED REQUEST FOR MARINE SECURITY GUARDS. MARTIN

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